Stornoway.

23rd June 1919.

I have much pleasure in stating that in my opinion Mr. Thomas H. Black is eminently qualified for the vacant All Soul's Readership in Roman Law. He was not only first prizeman in the year in which he attended my lectures at Glasgow University, but the best and clearest legal thinker of the eight years of my lectureship there. He displayed aptitude and industry in thinking out legal problems for himself, as well as a genuine love of the subject which has, I understand, led him to pursue its study ever since.

Wm. Dunbar.

3, The University,

Glasgow,

June 30, 1919.

I made the acquaintance of Mr. T. H. Black in 1910, when he was a member of the class of Scots Law in the University of Glasgow. In the class of Scots Law, as in all the other classes in his legal curriculum, he attained high distinction. In a class of more than sixty students he obtained the first prize in the class examinations, and the second prize in a special examination for prizes presented by the Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow. He obtained the degree of LL.B., with distinction, and was awarded the Robertson Scholarship, as the most distinguished graduate in law of his year.

In the class of Civil Law Mr. Black was first prizeman. As Civil Law is not within my province I cannot speak from personal knowledge of his proficiency; but the connection between Scot's and Civil Law is sufficiently close to enable me to say with confidence that one who displayed such a thorough grasp of the former subject is well qualified to attain to distinction in the latter.

I feel assured that Mr. Black would make a successful and attractive lecturer, and that he is a man from whom valuable original work may be expected.

W. M. Gloag, K.C., LL.D.

Professor of Law.

University of Glasgow.

University of Glasgow,

23rd June 1919.

I have much pleasure in stating that in my opinion Mr. T. H. Black is a man of first rate ability with a natural aptitude for legal studies. A brilliant career in the Law Faculty of this University earned him an unusual number of distinctions and in my own class of Public International Law, which he attended in 1912-13, he was one of the best students that I have ever had. I was struck by his vigorous and well trained mind, his sound judgment and gift of clear statement. I have reason to know that he has continued his legal studies since leaving the University and I think that independent work in the academic study of law may be confidently expected of him. I am sure that he would make a successful teacher.

I wish him all success in his present application for the All Soul's Readership in Roman Law.

A. H. Charteris.

Lecturer in Public International law and International Private law in the University of Glasgow.

15 West George Street,

Glasgow. 7th July 1919

I understand that Mr. Thomas H. Black, M.A., B.Sc, LL.B., is a candidate for the Readership in Roman Law in the University of Oxford, and I have pleasure in testifying to his fitness for the post.

Mr. Black took the Guthrie Prize and First Class Prize in my Class of Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow in 1913 with work of unusual merit even for a First Prizeman. He shewed much ability, grasp of principle and power of clear statement.

The very high standard of his work in my Class and the favourable impression he made upon me is in keeping with his distinguished University Career generally. He completed a distinguished Arts Course by taking his M.A. Degree with a First Class in Mathematics, and his B.Sc. with special distinction, and in addition to a University Fellowship winning the Ferguson Scholarship in Mathematics, which is open to the Graduates of all the Scotch Universities.

In Law Mr. Black obtained the First Prize in seven out of the eight Degree Subjects, took the LL.B. Degree with distinction, and was awarded the Robertson Scholarship for the best Law Graduate of the year.

Since he took his Law Degree in 1913 Mr. Black (subject

to such interruption as Service in the Army entailed) has continued the study of Law on its Scientific side with the same energy and ability which he manifested in his College career, giving special attention to Roman Law, but also studying International Law and Jurisprudence. Roman Law is specially attractive to Scotch Students of Law as it is the main source from which the principles of the Scotch Legal System were drawn.

Should Mr. Black obtain the Readership, the College of All Souls and the University will have every reason to be satisfied with their choice.

JAS. A. M'CALLUM.

Wright, Johnston & Mackenzie,

150 St.Vincent St.,

Glasgow.

18th June 1919.

I have much pleasure in stating that Mr. Thomas Hirst Black LL.B was a student in my class during the session 1912-13. Out of a large number of able competitors, he gained the first prize, and I formed the opinion then that he was a student of outstanding ability and exceptional promise. I am aware that he displayed similar qualities in the other classes in Arts and Law which he attended in Glasgow University, and I consider that he is eminently qualified to discharge the duties of a University Lecturer, or Reader, in Law, and indeed to fill any educational post with entire satisfaction.

Thomas G.Wright LL.B
Lecturer in Mercantile Law
in the University of Glasgow.

Sunderland Bede Collegiate Boys' School.

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Sunderland,

July 30th, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Hirst Black, M.A., B.Sc., LL.B., late Euing Fellow, Metcalfe Fellow, Robertson Scholar, and Ferguson Scholar, Glasgow University, was, from June 19th, 1916, to July 19th, 1917, an Assistant Master at this School, where there are 420 Boys, and 22 Masters.

His chief work here was to teach Mathematics and Constitutional History, and nobody could have been more successful. Of the 11 Bede School boys who were candidates at the London Matriculation Examination last month, 5 passed in the 1st Class, 5 passed in the 2nd Class, and 1 failed. The general result was 129 firsts, 825, seconds, and 1252 failures. Bede School was the only School or College which got 5 firsts. I mention these figures because it happens that the Matriculation List has just come out; but any other available particulars with regard to Mr. Black's work at school, whether in lessons or games, would serve almost equally well to show his remarkable efficiency.

Mr. Black's mind is very powerful, very alert, and very acute, and, with great quickness and striking facility, he is able to grasp, clearly and thoroughly, quite difficult and complicated problems and situations. The range of his academical achievements

is almost bewildering, and he has distinguished himself as runner, swimmer, cricketer, and footballer.

Unfortunately his sight and his hearing are defective. Until last month, when he was classed B.1, he had been a C.iii man: it was his low military category which enabled us here to have the benefit of his excellent services.

Mr. Black's character and conduct command respect and esteem. His industry is as great as his capacity. His influence is wholesome. He is earnest, zealous, and cheerful in the performance of his duties, and, though his disposition and manners are attractive and agreeable, he has much strength of will and a forceful personality.

I beg leave to recommend him strongly to anybody requiring a man of exceptional brain-power, good sense, energy, application, and trustworthiness.

(Signed) G. T. Ferguson, B.A., B.Sc. (Lond.)

Headmaster, Sunderland Bede Collegiate School.

Member of Council, Incorporated Association of Headmasters.

President's Office.

January 16th, 1920

T. H. Black, Esq.,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Black:

In order to have matters definitely defined and to avoid misunderstandings will you allow me to put in writing what I understand the position to be. In the first place I have written to the Bursar asking him to have the $1500 which was the salary offered you for three months' work paid to you in full by the end of January. I have asked him ~~thereafter~~ Hereafter to have your salary placed at the rate of $2500 per annum in four monthly instalments ~~until the end of the academic year in~~ April, May, June. This was agreed to by the Board of Governors at its meeting last week.

I understand that you were told by Professor Geldart that the position that was vacant was a Chair of Roman Law and Jurisprudence, and that ~~in coming out to~~ I am agreed to fill the temporary position of Lecturer ~~you had in mind that if you filled the position to our satisfaction and~~ on the understanding that if we wished to retain your services ~~that~~ we would offer you the Chair with a full professorship at a reasonable salary.

I hope to have this matter of the permanent position finally settled not later than the meeting of the Board of Governors which is to be held on February 12th.

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 16th, 1920

F. H. Black, Esq.,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Black:

In order to have matters definitely defined and to avoid misunderstanding will you allow me to put in writing what I understand the position to be with regard to your appointment. In the first place I have written to the Bursar asking him to have the $1500 which was the salary offered you for three months' work paid to you in full by the end of January. I have asked him to have your salary thereafter placed at the rate of $2500 per annum in four monthly instalments, February, March, April and May, in all $1000. This was agreed to by the Board of Governors at its meeting last week.

I understand that you were told by Professor Geldart that the position that was vacant was a Chair of Roman Law and Jurisprudence, and that you agreed to fill the temporary position of Lecturer on the understanding that if we wished to retain your services we would offer you the Chair with a full professorship at a reasonable salary.

I hope to have this matter of the permanent position finally settled not later than the meeting of the Board of Governors which is to be held on February 12th.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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TORONTO, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL ECONOMY

17th January, '20.

President Sir R. A. Falconer
University of Toronto

Dear Sir Robert

I thank you for your letter of yesterday's date, and agree with your statement of the position. The proposal that I should come out in contemplation of being appointed professor, however, appears in Professor Mavor's first letter to me and in the actual words which described my temporary appointment and were merely quoted by Professor Geldart as coming from the University. Professor Geldart's the communications only confirmed these proposals.

You made it plain to me yesterday that these representations — which evidently place the University under a weighty obligation of good faith in regard to the offer of a post to me — were made under a mistake. It is clear that I must not allow that obligation to stand. An appointment can not be suffered to go upon such a footing. I therefore now willingly cut the bond and release you without reserve from the obligations resting upon the faith of those representations that determined me to come to Toronto.

My claims to be considered for a full professorship may much more fitly rest upon the evidence you have before you — Professor Gordy's, and I may now add

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Professor Geldart's, opinion of my published production, Professor Gandy's proposal of Toronto to me, with authority to use his name, when he had the impression that a Professor of Roman Law was wanted, and the evidence from the Law Faculty at Glasgow.

To make all clear, I will repeat that I am ready to accept a Chair at whatever salary the University is prepared to attach to it. As to the alternative you indicated, you would not have me, I think, in the extraordinary circumstances which present quite a new position to me, pledge myself hastily. I have written to those whom I desire to consult — private friends, I mean — and shall be ready to come to a final settlement on the date you mention, 12th February, at the latest.

Yours sincerely

Thos. H. Black

January 23rd, 1920

T. H. Black, Esq.,
Hart House,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Black:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday I was authorised to inform you that on the first of July, 1920, you will be appointed to a full professorship in Roman Law and Jurisprudence at a salary of $3000. I hope that this will be agreeable to you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

University of Toronto
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26th January '20

President Sir R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert

I thank you for your letter of Saturday's date; and accept the arrangement as in every way satisfactory.

Being fully aware of the high hopes held by the University as to a successor for Professor Lefroy, hopes which have been disappointed in the event, I am the more conscious of the great honour offered to me, and wish to assure you once again of my resolution to devote all my energies to the work of the post in the several spheres of its activities.

Yours sincerely
Thos. H. Black